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Column One
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Truman to Push Aid Programme

Israel's Share Predicted \$60m.

By Jesse Zel Lurie, POST Correspondent

NEW YORK, Monday. — The Administration will put up a stiff fight for the U.S. \$7,900m. Foreign Aid Programme for 1952-53 against Congressional threats to cut the "fat" out of it. President Truman will lead off with a radio and television broadcast on Thursday evening, a few hours after the presentation of the Programme to Congress and a day or two before his departure for Key West, where he will spend his vacation.

The President will not mince words in stating that the Programme is all fat and muscle, with the fat already pared off, and that any cuts will lead to much greater expense in future years, if the Soviet expansionist threat is to be contained. Congress is, however, not so very different from the French Assembly in that its actions on foreign policy are governed by internal politics rather than by the logic of external pressure.

State Department spokesmen say that the Foreign Aid Programme is the last of its kind. The Soviet Union, they say, will be left with a goody bag of aid, and the United States will be left with a goody bag of aid. The President is not listening, however. Congressmen — both Republicans and Democrats — are sharpening their knives to cut at least as much as \$1,000m. from the aid programme.

A leading Republican member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee said on Saturday that the aid programme was "a waste of money" and that the United States should "stop giving money to the world."

France is between the devil and the deep blue Atlantic and hardly knows where to look for success. Its anxieties are insufficiently understood in Washington, and there will be small disposition among the French to give substantial aid to a country which is half its time without a Government and the other half without a Government.

THE British Socialist Party is to meet in conference with the French Socialist Party this month. The meeting is due to take place about the same time as the Labour Party's International Sub-committee is expected to get down to the task of drafting a new and detailed foreign policy.

YOGIE Dalton is the chairman of the drafting committee, which also contains Annette Bevan and two of his followers, Barbara Castle and Tom Driberg. Perhaps as a result of these two events, British socialism will see the urgent need of working closer with French socialism towards the strengthening of the socialist movement in both countries and perhaps out of that strengthening could come the impulse to restore the French party to its rightful place in France; and, at length, France to its rightful place in Europe. There is no other foreseeable way.

Tel Aviv, March 4.

Pinay to Venture Formation of New French Cabinet

PARIS, Monday (Reuters). — The outgoing Moderate Conservative Government of Pinay is expected to announce the formation of a new French Government. The new Government will be formed by Pinay, who is expected to announce the formation of a new French Government.

Usually reliable sources said Pinay would seek a technical rather than a political programme to strengthen the currency and fight against inflation and rising prices.

The French franc weakened further today after hopes for a "National Union" Government had vanished. The crisis is costing the French treasury 1,000m. francs a day by a failure to adjust taxes to prices. The U.S. dollar in the unofficial money market soared to its highest trading level in three years — 488 francs compared with the official rate of 330. State bonds, however, are still selling at a high level and gold showed only a moderate rise.

Mr. Pinay, 60, agreed to President Auriol's request earlier today after an urgent telephone call from the latter.

After seeing the President in Paris, Mr. Pinay said, "My first mission was to see the President and to discuss the situation of the country. I am going to try to form a new Government."

U.S. COMMENT
WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuters). — Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, said today that the United States would not support the French Government's request for a new French Government.

Grant-in-Aid Negotiations
Negotiations for the release of the \$24.3m. balance of the \$50m. U.S. grant-in-aid for absorption of immigrants signed in Tel Aviv last Friday, will be continued today in Jerusalem, it was learned yesterday.

U.N. Official Urges More East-West Trade
GENEVA, Monday (Reuters). — East-West tension had reached a point where the forces working for one Europe were becoming weaker and weaker, Mr. Gunnar Myrdal, Executive Secretary of the U.N. Economic Commission for Europe, told delegates from 20 countries at the Commission's seventh session here today.

Mr. Myrdal emphasized that expansion of East-West European trade must be the Commission's first priority. "It is to be the Commission's first priority," he said, "to give the Commission the widest possible scope for expansion of East-West trade."

House Transport Debate
By Moshe Brilliant, POST Parliamentary Correspondent
There appeared to be general agreement in the Knesset yesterday that motor transport services were worse than objective consideration of the difficulties warranted. Speakers of coalition and opposition parties criticized the transport cooperatives for their disregard of the public and recommended closer Government supervision over their activities. The General Zionists and the Progressives made it clear that they envisaged tighter Government control as a step toward a more fundamental reorganization, designed to bring the Government or local authorities and private capital into the picture.

The ports, aviation, railway, telephone and postal services also came in for criticism from the Opposition but were praised by Government supporters. The six hours debate will be closed today and the Minister of Communications, Mr. D.P. Pinkas, is expected to reply.

Mr. Yosef Sapir (General Zionists) called for a Parliamentary enquiry into the road transport situation. He claimed that the Government's protection of the Histadrut's vested interests (the transport cooperatives) had led them to reject offers by foreign capitalists to invest in road transport.

No Serious Offers
Mr. Reuben Shari (Mapai), who was Deputy Minister of Communications in the last Government, said that there were no serious offers to invest in motor transport. However, another General Zionist, Mr. Haim Ariv, said that two years ago there had been a proposal by capitalists to enter into partnership with cooperatives along similar lines to the proposal made in the Knesset last week by Mr. Pinkas. He also said that in June, 1950, an offer by private investors to establish a light

North Korea Swept By Bubonic Plague

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday (AP). — North Korea is in a virtual state of panic because of bubonic plague, it was reported today by the U.S. State Department. The U.S. State Department said that the plague had been reported in North Korea for the first time in 1952.

Tenser Atmosphere At Korean Talks

TOKYO, Monday (Reuters). — Allied and Communist delegates negotiating the exchange of prisoners in Korea today had a tense atmosphere, it was reported today by the U.N. delegate, Admiral Libby.

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Anglo-Egyptian Talks Indefinitely Postponed

Outrages in Tunis Jewish Quarter

TUNIS, Monday (Reuters). — Two young Tunisians yesterday threw a burning petrol bottle into a crowded tram in the Jewish quarter of Tunis. Four passengers were slightly injured, others panicked and the two young men were attacked and beaten by the crowd. They were in hospital last night.

Another burning petrol bottle was thrown on a trolleybus. Later yesterday firemen put out a small fire near the Tunis law courts, caused by pouring petrol through a letter box and setting fire to the door.

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Hilali Reiterates Old Demands

CAIRO, Monday (UP). — Anglo-Egyptian negotiations over the Suez Canal Zone and the Sudan were delayed today. Hilali today while the new Premier studied the situation. Last night Prime Minister Wafik el-Hilali announced that, like his two immediate predecessors, he would insist on the withdrawal of British forces from the Canal Zone and on union with the Sudan.

Meanwhile, the majority Wafd Party postponed until Thursday a meeting scheduled for today to decide its attitude towards the new Government.

The Moslem Brotherhood will also meet this week. Its "supreme guide," Hassan el-Hoddey Bey, said his attitude to the new Government would be one of "wait and see."

Hilali told the press today that he will study all documents relative to the Anglo-Egyptian crisis as soon as possible, and will consult his advisers. He said that if his Government expects to be respected, it should merit respect, and that is why he intends to cleanse Government machinery. However, this was not to be his first step, he said.

Receives U.N. Delegates
Earlier, Hilali received Egypt's U.N. representatives, Mahmoud el-Fayez and Abdel Wahab el-Kayoum, with whom he discussed the research they prepared on the Anglo-Egyptian dispute.

Asked at the press conference whether it was true that Britain had accepted the evacuation of the Canal Zone, he replied that it was not in our interest to announce false reports.

Hilali also announced that the electoral law will be modified to ensure safeguards in elections and to ensure that Deputies really represent the nation.

Contrary to the Constitution, Parliament was not called into session to hear the reading of King Farouk's decree suspending it for one month. The Government has decided that it is sufficient to gazette the Royal decree.

The pro-Wafd newspaper "Al-Ghad" today warned the new Prime Minister today against "pursuing a policy of intoxication with power that will lead to unnecessary trouble. It calls his attention to the danger of listening to certain minority Parties which have no substantial position and whose sole objective is to fish in troubled waters."

Cables in Brief
HILL. — The Jordan Government has asked a bill in the Lower House for the establishment of a Hajj Railway. The bill is expected to be passed in the near future.

BUDGET. — The Turkish National Assembly has approved the country's budget for 1953. The budget is estimated at 1,000,000,000 liras.

ISRAEL STUDIES REPORTS OF Arab 'Change of Heart'
Information needed to form a clear picture of the reported favourable change of attitude of the Arab countries regarding Israel is being collected by the Foreign Ministry, a Ministry spokesman stated in Jerusalem yesterday.

The Western Powers have not approached Israel regarding a peace settlement with the Arabs, the spokesman said. He added that Mr. Walter Eytan, Director General of the Foreign Ministry, is not going to ask Prime Minister Nehru to mediate during his visit in India.

The Arabs have obviously decided that Israel has come to stay, he added. Moreover, neither London or Washington has shown any excessive willingness to recognize the Arab League as a united bloc in the Middle East defence programme. Doubts have also been raised as to the military value of the League, he said.

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